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A staff composed of one general and 40 field officers was quartered in the Wittstock (N 54/U 11) airfield barracks on 23 January 1950. Two hundred more air force officers and 2,000 air force EM, including AA soldiers, were also stationed there. The EM were restricted to their quarters. The general used a morden car

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The field had a ration supply dump. Only one biplane was seen at the field. The airfield personnel is said to be reinforced by 100 percent. A concrete runway for jet fighters is, allegedly, also scheduled for construction. The preparations for this project are already under way. This information was obtained from a member of the staff.

2. a. Only one biplane was stationed at the field in late February 1950. The aircraft previously stationed here were transferred in the fall of 1949. Two headquarters, a "general staff section" and a division headquarters, and an airfield kommandatura were stationed at the field.

b. Three barracks buildings were converted into hotels. The above mentioned staffs occupied two of these while the third was reserved for transient guests. Three IVD officers were assigned to the "general staff section". The division headquarters comprised 25 officers.

c. The following was obtained concerning the general staff officers :

Lt Col (Eng) Krynski, stationed in Wittstock for eight weeks, who is to inspect the airfields.

Lt Col Makarov

Maj Talev

Maj Kaslov

2nd Lt Timofeev in charge of the German personnel employed

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by the staff.

3. a. Work on the expansion of the airfield and the concreting of a runway has been under way since 20 February 1950. (For airfield buildings see Annex).

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4. Soldiers who arrived by truck were setting up a radio station in a field one km northeast of Wittstock. The radio station had four braced steel masts arranged in a square with a ball-like object on top of them. A tent was seen in the middle of the masts. The radio station was not seen on the following day.

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5. Another wooden shed was being set up near the construction site at the Wittstock airfield on 26 February 1950. Levelling work was being done on the landing field. Thirty field railway cars were seen. Ten to twelve passenger cars were parked in front of the airfield hangars.

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6. The radio station near the northwestern corner of the landing field was dismantled, while the radio station previously noticed in the southeastern corner of the field was still there. Radio truck  was parked near-by. Three 4 to 5-meter rod antennas were fitted on the truck. A radio station had recently been set up on Hill 1 (see Annex 1 to previous report). \* As previously observed the antenna mast of the radio stations was braced twice by four ropes. The grids with the attached antenna rods were slanted slightly downward.

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7. Fifteen EM wearing black-bordered blue epaulets did excavation work near the newly erected radio station on 4 March 1950. The quartering building of the former radio station at the northwestern corner of the airfield was dismantled. Excavation work was still going on at the landing field. A ditch about 50 meters wide and 40 to 50 cm deep was dug out parallel to the woods on the Wittstock-Roebel (N 54/U 24) road. The same work was apparently under way on the eastern border of the airfield. About 45 field railway cars were seen.

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8. No aircraft were seen nor was any flying observed at the Wittstock airfield on 12 March 1950. The airfield installations were intact but the field

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had no runways or taxiways. Field railway tracks and excavation work were seen on the western border of the airfield. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] A grid, probably part of a radio or DF station, was on the southern border of the airfield on a hill beside a house.

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[REDACTED] Comment :

a. For lack of comparable information the data on the occupation of the airfield barracks cannot be verified.

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b. The headquarters called "general staff section" by source very probably is Hq III Ftr Corps. [REDACTED]

c. Of the names listed in para 2 only Makarov is known. However, because of the frequency of this name, it is of little use for an identification of the unit concerned.

d. The construction work on the landing field was previously reported. It is believed that an EW concrete runway is being built. The landing field is also to be expanded to the east.

e. The existence of two radio stations in the NW and SE corners of the airfield and of a radar set was previously reported \*. The radar set was of the same type as previously described \*. It seems as if sets of this type are stationed at fields occupied by the headquarters of a fighter unit. The set is assumed to be a fighter control radar set.

1 Annex : Layout Sketch of the Wittstock Airfield.

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